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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 9, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DENNIS R. REHBERG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: "Love justice, you rulers of the earth. Set your mind upon the Lord, as is your duty. Seek the Lord with simplicity of heart."

Given in the Book of Wisdom, You command those who govern to love, but to love as none of the others, to love above all else, to love justice. Such a love, always seeking the ways of justice, will put everything and every relationship in proper perspective.

Lord, You follow this command to those who govern with the directive on how to achieve and how to maintain this love of justice. "Set your mind upon the Lord. Seek the Lord with your whole heart."

For the rulers You call into being, Lord, You alone are the source, the guarantee and the regulator of justice. Because You are love, infinite and universal, You hold all peoples in the balance of justice. And You teach the ways of loving justly.

So in and through You, rulers of the earth can govern without ever failing their people. Because their hearts are fixed on You, transformative love can

hold them and change everything, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GINGREY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 7, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to inform you that I have sent a letter to Texas Governor Rick Perry dated June 7, 2006, informing him that I am resigning my House seat, the 22nd District of Texas, effective at the close of business on June 9, 2006.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 7, 2006.

Hon. RICK PERRY,
Governor of the State of Texas, Austin, Texas.

DEAR GOVERNOR PERRY: For more than twenty one years I have been honored to serve the people of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas in the great institution of the U.S. House of Representatives. I am deeply appreciative of the voters and constituents for the opportunity to serve.

During my career in public service, I am proud to have worked with an extraordinary number of dedicated people in the district, the state and the nation to ensure that America is set on a course toward achieving her brightest days.

I have recently made the decision to pursue new opportunities to engage in the important cultural and political battles of our day from outside the arena of the U.S. House of Representatives. As a result, I hereby wish to tender my resignation as Texas' 22nd Congressional District Representative effective at the close of business on June 9, 2006.

May God continue to bless you and the people of the Great State of Texas.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches from each side.

REPUBLICANS ARE WORKING TO ADDRESS ENERGY NEEDS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are continuing to work to lower the cost of gasoline over the mid and long-term.

On Wednesday, House Republicans passed the Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act to help reduce America's

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